

## **Clinical or Community Partnerships**

### **South Texas College ADN**

*South Texas Health Systems, McAllen, TX*

Clinical faculty with hospital system of five hospitals. Nursing staff with master's and two with bachelor's degrees serve as adjunct clinical faculty every semester. Faculty are loaned by the hospital and hired by the College. College faculty are also assigned to these agencies to provide mentorship and resource to the clinical faculty.

**Approximate cost of implementing and maintaining partnership:** Salaries: \$3,000-\$4,000 per clinical instructor

**Grant monies used:** no

**Expected benefits from partnership:**

- clinical faculty are not burdened with agency's work requirements
- clinical expertise of faculty
- knowledge of the agency and its ability to give students unique clinical experiences
- students desire employment with that agency

**Challenges from partnership:**

- the time they have students assigned is a challenge, especially if the clinical faculty is in a management position

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